

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 2-5 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (U.S. 6,386,935) in view of Lin (U.S. 6,132,125). Claims 5, 8 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin (U.S. 6,386,935) in view of Lin (U.S. 6,524,155). Claims 6, 7 and 9 are allowed.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled 2-5, 8 and 12-14 and amended claims 6, 7, and 9 of this application. Each of claims 6, 7 and 9 have been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of original claim 13. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Since claims 6, 7 and 9 have been indicated as being allowable, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

Summary

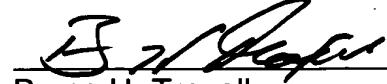
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner not be of the opinion that this case is in condition for allowance, it is requested that this amendment be entered for the purposes of appeal, since it materially reduces the issues on appeal by cancelling claims 2-5, 8 and 12-14, thereby rendering moot the outstanding rejection of this claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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